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SECOND AUSTRALIAN HOSPITAL BECOMES LATEX-SAFE – GLOBALAAI

It is a tremendous occasion to officially announce Oromax Clinic and Oromax Day Surgery as the second latex safe hospital in Australia.

Oromax has worked with South Australia based not-for-profit organisation Global Anaphylaxis Awareness and Inclusivity (globalaai) to ensure that they follow best practice healthcare with regard to latex safety.

Oromax, which has consulting clinics and also an accredited Day Surgery, have a team of Oral Maxillofacial surgeons that specialise in treating various conditions, defects, injuries and aesthetic aspects of the mouth, teeth, jaws and face.

globalaai Founder, Dr Pooja Newman, said working with Oromax to achieve this outcome was a simple process and will benefit the safety of their staff and patients but also shows leadership with respect to best practice health care.

“Latex allergy is a common occupational allergy, but by replacing latex gloves and other consumables, with cost neutral alternatives we can prevent this debilitating and in some cases deadly condition” Dr Newman said.

“All hospitals, medical practices, hairdressers, beauty salons, and food outlets should absolutely swap to latex-free gloves for the safety of their staff and customers, including nitrile or vinyl gloves”.

“Latex-gloves are cost neutral and equally effective barrier protection.”

Mrs Patricia Stoyanoff, General Manager at Oromax, said that Oromax had made a conscious effort to become a latex safe clinic and Day Surgery and made the switch to latex-free gloves a few years ago.

“We initially made the change to latex-free gloves to protect our staff and patients. But we found that we no longer needed to perform extensive latex decontamination 'cleansdowns' before treating a latex-allergic patient which has improved patient flow and streamlined our practices” said Mrs Stoyanoff.

“globalaai helped us identify some small areas of risk of exposure to latex. We have removed those products and are now proud and confident to announce that both our clinic and Day Surgery are latex-safe.”

Dr Newman founded globalaai to spread awareness of the seriousness of anaphylaxis and instigate social change to save lives. globalaai has also developed emergency EpiPen stations for public spaces, homes and workplaces.

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